

Proposed Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for comparing information from a plurality of different items on a visual display, wherein each of the different plurality of items has an associated document that was prepared for the item and that provides the information being compared from that item, comprising the steps of

(a) identifying with a common tag, passages in the associated document that provides the information for from each of the plurality of different items which relate to a category of information;

(b) providing a different display area in the visual display for each of the plurality of different items; and

(c) displaying in each of the display areas the passages from each of the plurality of different items which are identified by a designated common tag, so that the passages are observable at the same time.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of different items are investments and the information being compared is information about the investments.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the information about the plurality of different items is found in reports compiled for each of the plurality of items, and each of the common tags is an anchor link.

4. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein the reports are compiled by an information server.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the information server inserts the common tags into the reports.

6. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the information server is located remotely from the visual display.

7. (currently amended) A method of providing comparative information in an image displayed by a visual display about a plurality of different items, wherein each of the different plurality of items has an associated document that was prepared for the item and that provides the information being compared from that item, and the information about the plurality of different items includes portions relating to common topics, and further wherein the portions on common topics are identified in the information by identifying tags, the method comprising the steps of

- (a) providing a navigational frame in the displayed image;
- (b) providing a plurality of dynamic frames in the displayed image;

(c) receiving in the navigational frame a user designation of the different items to be compared;

(d) displaying simultaneously in each of the dynamic frames information about the different items designated to be compared.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7 further including the steps of

(a) receiving in the navigational frame a user designation of an identifying tag;

(b) displaying in each of the dynamic frames the portion of the information on the designated different items to be compared corresponding to the designated identifying tag.

9. (original) The method of claim 7 further including the step of compiling the information about the plurality of items in a server located remotely from the visual display.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 further including the steps of

(a) sending a request to the server for reports about the different items designated in the navigational frame;

(b) compiling in the server the requested reports; and

(c) communicating the requested reports to the visual display.

11. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the compiling step includes the step of assembling frames for the reports corresponding to each of the portions on the common topics.

12. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing comparative information about a plurality of different items, including

a visual display providing a visual image having an interactive navigational frame and a plurality of dynamic frames;

a server communicatively coupled to the visual display and storing information about the plurality of different items, wherein each of the different plurality of items has an associated document that was prepared for the item and that provides information for comparison from that item, and the stored information is in the form of the associated documents;

wherein the server compiles reports in response to a user designation in the navigational frame of the different items to be compared, and wherein the visual display displays in each of the dynamic frames the different items designated to be compared so that the different items are observable at the same time.

13. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the reports compiled by the server comprise frames of information about the designated different items in which each frame corresponds to portions of the information relating to common topics and include identifying tags.

14. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein in response to a user designation of an identifying tag the visual display displays in each of the plurality of dynamic frames the frames from the reports for the designated different items corresponding to the designated identifying tag.

15. (currently amended) An application for displaying comparative information about a plurality of different items in a visual image on a visual display, wherein each of the different plurality of items has an associated document that was prepared for the item and that provides information being compared from that item, comprising

a first routine which contacts an information server to request reports on different items designated by a user in a navigational frame in the visual image on the visual display;

a second routine which compiles from the associated documents the requested reports on the different designated items including frame sets corresponding to common topics; and

a third routine which displays at substantially the same time in each of a plurality of frames in the visual image a frame set from each of the reports which corresponds to a common topic which is designated by the user in the navigational frame.